

DIARY WRITTEN BY WILLIAM FRANCIS BARNES (BARNES) IN CANADA.

1834.

Dec 10

Went to see Drakette and Henry. Agreed to build house 16 ft by 18 feet with a lean to 8 ft on one side for 35 dollars. Said Wm. King to find all the materials for building same and to deliver them on the spot. Said house I am to rent for the term of six months for the interest on the moneys. The building costs and garden not included. Paid sixpence for whiskey and 12 cents for apple. Clear.

Dec 11

Framed on Knight's shed at sawmill on Byham. Received 10 lbs of pork of Levi Berry for washboard. Went to Mrs Meacalls on a visit in evening. Wife went up in the forenoon. Had a pleasant time. Was quite unwell in evening. Rec'd 1½ cups of tea. Clear and cool.

Dec 12

Finished a toilet for Wm Meacall. Mr Duck came here to work Knight's men commenced mending the dam. Raft of lumber went through the raceway at 11 o'clock. Clear.

Dec 13

Raised a shed 12 ft by 24 ft at the mill for John Knight. Worked at a toilet part of day for Wm Meacall. J. wright was here at the raising and agreed to be here again next Tuesday to settle with me. Quite unwell in evening. Wife washed in forenoon. Complained of a pain in her back and hips. Is better this evening.

Dec 14

Sabbath. Went to D. Mikennys, returned after sunset. Wife sick and in bed. Called at E. Woodmans, who was not at home. Commenced preparations to move to street. This is the coldest day we have yet seen this winter.

Dec 15

More mild and quite pleasant. Finished toilet for Wm Meacall. Wife and son was here on a visit this evening. Framed the shed rafters and sent one load of goods to D. Mikennys on the street. and expect to go myself tomorrow. Received in goods \$4.50.

Dec 16

Anxiously awaited the arrival of Mr Mikenny to take the remainder of my furniture to his place. No sign of him at dark. All packed and in readiness. No team came and we went to Enoch Woodmans and left my wife and went to D. Mikennys. Clear and cold.

Dec 17

Brought one load of goods to the street. Clear and cold.

Dec 18

Brought last load from Medcalfs mills. Mikenny went with me for them and agreed with Wm Anderson for lumber. Clear at \$6½ and common at \$4. To pay in hay at 4 per ton.

Dec 19

Worked 1/2 day for D. McKenny, in the afternoon went to Vienna. Called at C.B. Hewetts on my way and staid all night at S. Elliots. Saw Mr. Elijah Woodman. Saw John Wright. Saw Mr. Alt and Mr Legogue in the evening.

Dec 21

Sabbath. Returned from Vienna to the street. Found W. Bergin at Mr Pounds where my wife is boarding. Brought home goods \$9.33. Clear and cold.

Dec 22

Worked for D. McKenny on house. Clear and cold.

Dec 23

Worked for McKenny part of day. Tried to buy a corner lot from Solomon Moore. Did not succeed. Clear and cold.

Dec 24

Worked on D. McKenny's house, who went to Vienna. Rec'd 1 stick of tape. Agreed to work tomorrow for blacksmith.

Dec 25

Worked on an ox frame for blacksmith for which he agreed to pay me 20/ for Ruttecy agrees to give 4/ extra. Rec'd a subpoena for next court Jany 3rd. Geo Hill versus J. Wright on part of plaintiff. Quite cold.

Dec 27

Was quite unwell. Went to bed about noon, was very sick all night. Took a sweat.

Dec 26

Worked on (illegible). Last evening Miss Mary McKenny was taken suddenly ill with cholic. Was very unwell all day. Clear and pleasant but cold.

Dec 28

Sabbath. Better this morning. Went in the evening to a Methodist meeting about three miles west of this through a very delightful country. Clear and quite cold.

Dec 29

Rather worse this morning. Took cold last evening. Visit from Mr Butter. Went to McKennys, staid until late in the evening. Came home and found wife sick. Was some better this evening myself. Rec'd 11/ which paid butter and some goods.

Dec 30

Much Better this morning, both myself and wife. Went to Jeremiah Moore's to grind some tools. Went to Daniel Abells, saw the oil mill, saw Mr Chamber's cabinet factory. In the afternoon went to D. McKenny's prepared to begin work again. Mild and snow.

Dec 31

Spent the forenoon trying to bargain for a village lot. Failed and went to McKenny's and in the afternoon began to repair an old sleigh. McKenny and Luddington talked over the affairs of the shop. My wife this day continued to board herself in D. Pounds upper room. Brought over a few dishes and a table. Prepared to bid Adieu to the old and hail the new with a happy New Year.

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Jan 1

Worked for McKenny in the forenoon on a door made by Dennis. In the afternoon worked on a sleigh. Saw a large deer killed by Alex Moore. Stormy. Cold and blustery with snow.

Jan 2

Worked on sleigh for McKenny. Finished it this day. Mrs Pound had a son return from the states named Israel. Cold and squally with intervals of snow. Rec'd 12/ trade.

Jan 3

Went to court at Smith and Humphreys. Subpoenaed by G.Hill in a case with J. Wright, who gained the case by lying to A.D. Draper. Clear and cold.

Jan 4

Sabbath. Spent a great part of the day at home. Saw and conversed with Jeremiah Moore of this place. Went in the evening to sit up with Mary McKenny, who was very sick. Phebe Moore and Elijah Lane accompanied me. Came home a little before daylight and went to bed.

Jan 5

Worked this day at D. McKennys. They removed Mary McKenny in a sleigh to Jeremiah Moore's where she will be more comfortable than at home. Cold with a fine sunshine. Rec'd in goods 1/.

Jan 6

Worked at D. McKennys. In the P.M. went to a raising at S. Moores. Finished this frame without anything material happening. Was inwell this day. Cloudy and quite cold.

Jan 7

Worked for D. McKenny on house. Saw Sam'l McKenny. Cold and clear and more mild in P.M.

Jan 8

In the forenoon witnessed receipts for S. Moore, D. McKenny and Wm Luxon. In the evening went to Jeremiah Moore's. Saw Mary McKenny who I think will not live long. Came home in evening and found wife quite unwell which prevented me from attending a meeting at Smith and Humphrey's this evening for the purpose of taking into consideration the best mode of making the Otter Creek navigable to this place. Clear and cold.

Jan 9

Worked at D. McKenny's. Saw and approved the proceedings of last nights meeting. Clear and cold.

Jan 10

Went to a meeting for the purpose of ascertaining the possibility of making the Otter Creek navigable from its mouth to its source. The object of the meeting was however thwarted by John Burwell, Esq from Port Burwell who brought forward other resolutions which were passed and a petition of his drafting was produced by him and signed by two thirds of the people present. Mild, clear and pleasant.

Jan 11

Sabbath. Went to Jeremiah Moore's and spent a very agreeable afternoon in good company. Clear and quite warm and pleasant.

JAN 12

Worked for D. McKenny on house. In the evening heard the unwelcome news that I was obliged to look for a house to live in. Passed the evening very disagreeably and in great anxiety in consequence of it. Warm with snow.

Jan 13

Went to J. Moore's with whom I made a following agreement viz; That I am to saw in his sawmill if he should require me so to do. He furnishes me with a house to live in till I can build a house for myself on the street on a lot he sells me for the sum of ten dollars. Warm with rain.

Jan 14

This day I moved to J. Moore's through mud ankle deep and was obliged to bring part of my furniture down hill by hand which was a very laborious task. Got settled by evening without any material accident. Quite warm with rain.

Jan 15

Was quite unwell. Went to D. McKennys and put in sash in front window. Warm with rain.

Jan 16

Worked for D. McKenny. Made a window frame and cased it. Dressed out and put down base to a room. Cased door and began partition. Cold and blustery with snow.

Jan 17

Was summoned to a court of request held at Smith and Humphreys by Geo. Hill of the town. Lost the case and came home at dark. Cloudy and cold.

Jan 18

Sabbath. Went to meeting in the evening at the school house between the two Otter Creeks. Came back to J. Moore's and spent two or three hours in conversation. Cloudy and cold.

Jan 19

Went to Vienna. At the Medcalf Mill on my return and arrived back home at dark. Saw my Father in Vienna. Rec'd in goods \$13. Weather was moderate with snow in evening.

Jan 20

Cut wood in the forenoon. In the P.M. went to D. McKennys. Saw and conversed with James Jackson and Mr Osborn. Warm and cloudy.

Jan 21

Was unwell in forenoon. In the P.M. went to Birdsall Mill. Theo Metcalf was here and brought a coat for my wife to turn. Warm with rain.

Jan 22

Worked for McKenny. Came home in the evening, brought home a short broad axe & adze and two jack chisels. Moderately warm and clear.

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Jan 23

Worked for D. Williams. Finished plastering. D. McKinney returned from London this evening, about seven oclock. Chambers was here this evening. Clear and pleasant.

Jan 24

Worked for self. The Wesleyan Methodist quarterly meeting this day commenced at the chapel in Malahide. Got a screw driver made this day at the shop. Warm and pleasant, clear.

Jan 25

Sabbath. Stayed in Fruitfull Valley. Was quite unwell with a Diarhee. Went to J. Moore's in the evening. Warm and rain.

Jan 26

Was quite unwell with old complaint. Went to D. McKennys and hung a door and put in sash and glass in the long bedroom. This day Mary McKenny went from J. Moore's to her fathers, being in a manner recovered from her illness. Warm and pleasant.

Jan 27

Went to D. McKennys. Worked part of day. Parted from Mr Osborne (a fine man) at D. McKennys who is going on his journey west. Snowy.

Jan 28

Cut wood at the door. Ground my framing tools, axes etc and in P.M. cut wood in the woods. Quite warm and like to lose our snow which fell last evening about two inches.

Jan 29

Brought my chest of tools from D. McKennys to Fruitfull Valley. In the morning went to J. Sommers where I was detained till night. Got 18 lbs of pork from Sommers. Warm and pleasant.

Jan 30

Worked on a panel door for J. Moore and ground tools. This day it rained almost all day. Quite warm.

Jan 31

Finished a door. Rec'd a summons in court of requests from w. Rymcr directed to F. Barns. Rec'd a capias from J. Wallace of Brantford. Served by A. Baker. Amt 445 cy. Gave bail and Baker went (illegible) on bail for me. Gave my note for 5 shillings. Rec'd a summons in court of requests from Cornell Norwich. Amt 26.2½ cy served by Malcolm. Cold and stormy. Snow.

Feb 1

Sabbath. Staid at home in Fruitfull Valley all day. Colored lining for frock cravat and in evening went to J. Moore's. Saw the young people play and came home at 10 oclock. Wife was taken with a fainting fit but soon recovered from it again. This day was cold and stormy. Wind and snow.

Feb 2

Cut wood and prepared to leave here in the morning for Brantford. Borrowed \$ 1 of D. Moore for expense money. Broke my axe and ground it up again. Cloudy and cold.

Feb 3

Left Fruitfull Valley at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10 oclock A.M. Went by Darchan Forge to Norwich, arrived at the settlement at dark. Went to singing school. Staid till 9 oclock, went thence to Luke Peaslee's arrived near 12 oclock at night where I slept till morning. Clear and cold.

Feb 4

Went to my father in law's where I took breakfast thence to Andres Smith. Went in the evening to Egbert Hilliker's, staid all night and took breakfast next morning. Cold.

Feb 5

Went to Sodom with A. Smith. Saw Thos Killuce but done no business with him. Saw J.P. Barns. Staid all night at Sutton's, who is keeping a tavern in Sodom. Colder.

Feb 6

Settled with M. Stover and John Stover. Gave the later a note due 30 days from date, value \$25.50. Staid all night at A. Sarles. Came back next morning. Cold.

Feb 7

Settled with J. Wallace by Thos Wallace. Was at court, saw G. Waugh, Came back from Sodom then went to Andes again. Took supper at H. Bankers then went to W.J. Moses and H. Avery's and thence to father in laws. Staid all night. Very cold.

Feb 8

Sabbath. Fixed for home again. Sam'l came with me to Byham. Left there at 11 oclock. Came home by the forge. Got home after dark, found all in good health and spirits. This was the coldest day we have had yet.

Feb 9

Cut wood and made axe helve. Went to the ford and cut wood also quite lame with walking from Norwich. Caught cold. Clear and quite cold.

Feb 10

Made door for J. Moore, in the evening went to D. McKenny's Saw Mr Osborne, James Moore and wife were there. Gave Mr Osborne an estimate on cost of saw mill. Clear and quite cold.

Feb 11

Made 2 doors for J. Moore. In the evening Mary and Phebe Moore was here. Phebe was unwell with an ulcer tooth. I borrowed two books in which I spent the evening agreeably. Cold with flurrys of snow.

Feb 12

Went to D. McKenny's who was quite unwell. Returned at sunset. Found wife making soap. Good Success with it. Clear and mild.

Feb 13

Three or four inches of snow this morning. Worked a part of day on door for J. Moore. The rest of day chopped wood at the door. Satisfied that I shall enjoy life without as much anxiety for food and raiment as most others. Warm with snow.

Feb 14

Went for horse for wife to go to Norwich. Did not succeed. Wife at length concluded to go with Mr Moore's team. Afternoon and evening spent in making preparations. Cloudy and cold.

Feb 15

Sabbath. This morning my better half started at half past three with Daniel Moore and four others in a sleigh for Norwich. This was the loneliest day I ever experienced. Looked over my papers and books and spent the day very unhappy. About 2 inches of snow.

Feb 16

Was quite unwell all night and this morning felt down right sick. Kept to my bed the greater part of day. Still all looks forsaken. More snow last evening. Cloudy.

Feb 17

Much better this morning. Still looks gloomy. Started for Vienna this P.M. but only part way. Saw Rayner Sons. Returned at night to my forsaken home. Cloudy and warm.

Feb 18

Made a door for J. Moore. In the evening parched some corn. Still all looks forsaken but hope inspires me at times. Warm, cloudy with signs of rain.

Feb 19

Made 1 door for J. Moore. Came in at night. I cooked my supper fully realizing what was said of man in the first age of the world: viz- It is not good for man to live alone. Mild but no rain. Broken clouds. Still all looks forsaken and lonely.

Feb 20

Made two doors for J. Moore. Very tired this morning and almost sick of housekeeping. Beginning to look anxiously for my wife. Cloudy and warm.

Feb 21

Scrubbed the house in the morning and then went to court at Smith and Humphrey's. Case with D. Rayner. Lost it in the evening. Saw a drunken Byham squabble. Warm with rain.

Feb 22

Sabbath. Went to Norwich with Sam'l Peaslee, who came here yesterday with a letter from my wife to me, wishing me to come here as soon as possible. Arrived about 8 oclock wet and tired. Quite warm with rain..

Feb 23

Went to A. Smith's to get him to move my things to Norwich. Warm and pleasant.

Feb 24

Came back Byham's with Smith's team in evening. Loaded one chest and packed two or three others (illegible). Warm and fine. Here follows a dull and cheerless blank in my affairs. Moved to Norwich kept no acc't. Met with frequent dissappointments, till April 19. Was at fathers on Easter day. Rainy, cold and unpleasant.

April 20

Came back to fathers. Was cold and rainy.

April 21

Came up on street to get team to move me there. Squally with intervals of snow..

April 22

Moved to Hart's shop on fourth concession. Squally and cold.

April 23

Went to Jacob Stover's to take job of work. Expect to get an answer on Saturday. More mild and sunshine.

April 24

Worked about house on small chairs. Clear and cold.

April 25

Here follows an interval of sickness and trouble. My wife having an uncommon sickness till-

July 15

Mrs Barns was safely delivered of a male infant at half past 5 oclock A.M. Attended by Dr Harvey Ross. (Note: This was Joel Henry)

July 16

Quite smart in appearance and appeared in a fair way to recovery.

July 17

Went to mothers for Mrs Rains to work. Found her unwell.

July 18

Gradually growing worse. Jane Lawson came here to work.

July 19

Sabbath. Wife much worse. Went for Dr Ross who came and staid all night with us. Wife something better,-

July 20

this morning but grew worse in after part of day.

July 21

Gradually growing worse. Did not expect her to live through the night.

July 22

Very low. No signs of her growing better.yet.

July 23

Some better. I went to Cromwell's lower settlement and traded with him to amount of L 1-15-9 in goods.

July 24

Wife still growing better. This day spent in the shop making a cradle and dovetailing drawers. H. Banker and wife was here to see my sick wife (Note: Mrs Banker was Eunice, a sister of Martha Barns.) Rain in evening.

July 23
Wife still growing better. Went to town for some butter, got none. Returned to J. Titus who sent some cake butter and candles to my wife. Very acceptable indeed.

July 25

Wife growing better fast. Mrs Rains went to J. Titus on her way home. Quite warm and showery.

July 26

Sabbath. Wife still growing better. A. Smith was here.

July 27

Wife gaining slowly. Finished cradle and made a stand. Lois came. Cloudy and cool.

July 28

Wife still growing better. Worked in shop on stand.

July 29

Worked in shop. Made a chest for Mrs Avery. Price 20/
Joel was weighed this day being two weeks old. Weight 8½ lbs.

July 30

Wife much better. Worked in shop, finished chest of drawers and brought it to house. Warm and cloudy, rain in evening from N.W.

July 31

Wife better. Sat up in a chair some time. Joel is getting quite sick with a sore mouth. Old Mrs Moyer came and washed his mouth. I worked in shop. Made a chest of drawers for sale. Clear and cool with a breeze from S.W.

Aug 1

Worked in forenoon on a chest of drawers for Mrs Jane Johnson who has been nursing my wife. She will stay this week. Also in P.M. went to a raising at Mr Boyers in Durham. Got home late in evening. Wife much better. Clear and cool.

Aug 2

Sabbath. Wife much better. Staid at home. Mild and pleasant.

Aug 3

Went to mother's. Bought an adze of Mrs Hains, price \$ 3 paid in wheat at Mr Stovers. Amos Smith was expelled from this Society of Methodists this morning. Saw George Waugh this day at Hillman's Hillman's infant died. Cool and pleasant. North wind.

Aug 4

In the A.M. made a coffin for the Hillman child. In the afternoon went to B. Wright's who raised his barn.

Aug 5

Worked at Wright's (the rest of 5th and on the)

Aug 6

Went to Wright's and commenced work at 12 oclock. Clear and warm.

Aug 7

Framed at Wright's. Warm days and cool nights.

Aug 8

Framed at Wright's. H.J. Major's child died, aged 4 weeks and was buried. Came home at night. Found wife much better. Cathurn Gurk commenced work at my home. Jane Johnson left. Quite warm.

Aug 9

Sabbath. Worked on a tool chest over and made a sugar chest of it. Clear and warm.

Aug 10

Quite unwell this morning with a sore throat. Sam'l was here to dinner. Went with him on my way to Wright's. Arrived there in P.M. Quite unwell but worked a little. Warm.

Aug 11

Worked at Wright's. Throat very sore. Clear.

Aug. 12

Raised frame at Wright's and came home very sick with my sore throat. And unable to cut (illegible). Very warm.

Aug 13

Very sick this morning. Done nothing all day. Got 1 bottle British Oil at Town's. Rain in evening.

Aug 14

Still sick. In P.M. went to Town's to work.

Aug 15

Still sick. A. Boice was here in morning. Worked at Town's. Warm in A.M. Rain about 4 oclock P.M.

Aug 16

Sabbath. At 4 oclock Mrs Lucy Pluken was safely delivered of a young son. I and Dr Ross wife went in P.M. on a visit to M. Avery's. I went with her. Cool and pleasant.

Aug 17

Worked at Town's. Finished laying floor. Clear and warm.

Aug 18

In A.M. worked in shop on chest of drawers. In P.M. drewed wood. Cool and rainy.

Aug 19

Worked in shop in forenoon. In P.M. quite lame with my back. Clear and cool.

Aug 20

Last evening my wife was taken with Cholera Morbus, very ill. Checked the disorder by 8 oclock in A.M. Worked in shop after trying to work at Town's. Cold and rain.

Aug 21

Wife better. Worked in shop. Cold and rain.

Aug 22

Worked at Town's in A.M. In P.M. went to father's for butter. Got three pounds. Clear.

Aug 23

Sabbath. Cradled wheat at fathers. Came home in evening tired and sore clear

WIFE.. MUCH BETTER. Repaired TOOLS IN AM. Cut wood.
Cold and rainy.

Aug 25

Made clothes horse for wife. Cold and rainy.

Aug 26

Packed tools. In A.M. A.M. Kurt began to harvest wheat near our house. Rain in P.M. I went to Wright's.

Aug 27

Worked at Wright's. Put on part of roof. Clear and rain in evening.

Aug 28

Worked at Wright's, finished roof, came home in evening. Clear.

Aug 29

Staid at home. Quite unwell. Rain in P.M. This evening Boice and Pruitt had their trial in the church which I attended. Cold in the evening with frost.

Aug 30

Staid at home in A.M. In P.M. went to hay marsh for high cranberries. Got some. Clear.

Aug 31

Dissapointed about some flour. Sold beds to Town.

Sept 1

Went to B. Wright's. Made bench. Clear.

Sept 2

Made window frames 12 lights, corner boards, drip tables. Face planes. Clear and frost.

Sept 3

Ground tools at Root's. Went to raising. Clear.

Sept 4

Sided up on end of house at B. Wright's. Clear.

Sept 5

Worked at Wright's. Made door frames. Clear.

Sept 6

Sided a little. Went home at night. Clear.

Sept 7

Staid at home and made garden fence in A.M.-In P.M. went to marsh. Got cherries and wife went with me. I went farther for cranberries. Clear.

Sept 8

Sabbath. Went to marsh. Got cranberries in great plenty. Cold and rainy all day.

Sept 9

Staid at home. Made soap. Cloudy with rain.

Sept 10

Went with wife to her mother's and thence to Wright's. Worked a little. Clear and pleasant.

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Sept 11
Sided north side of Wright's house part up. Clear.

Sept 12
Worked at Wright's. Wife came to Wright's on a visit with Luke's wife. Went in P.M. to Wilcox's. Came back at dark. Mary went home, my wife staid all night. Clear.

Sept 13
Staid all night at Wright's. Very heavy rain all day. Came to my wife's mothers in P.M. Staid all night.

Sept 14
Sabbath. Went to cranberry marsh. Got a few cranberrys and some axe helves. Sam'l went with me. Cloudy.

Sept 15
Brought my wife home again in A.M. In P.M. cut wood, was unwell. Lowry weather, cloudy and a little rain.

Sept 16
Went to Wright's. Hard frost last night. Clear.

Sept 17
Worked at Wright's. Finished bedrooms. Clear.

Sept 19
Came home from Wright's. This day I am 28 years old. (1835) Rain.

Sept 18
Made sash at Wright's. Hard frost again. Clear.

Sept 20
Sabbath. Staid at home Hancock was here for me to go to work for him. Promised him. Cold with rain.

Sept 21
Went to Wright's for tools in A.M. In P.M. went to Towns with Joel who is very sick. Cold with rain.

Sept 22
Went to Hancocks and commanced framing corn house, 16 X 20 ft. 12 ft posts. Clear in A.M. Clear in P.M. Smart frost.

Sept 23
Framed at Hancock's. Dull and cloudy with a little rain.

Sept 24
Raised corn house frame and came home at night. Clear.

Sept 25
Repaired chimney back and brought up some wood. Clear. Smart frost.

Sept 26
Quite unwell all day. Cut some wood. Clear.

Sept 27
Sabbath. In A.M. went to Town's. Saw Simmons and Avery there. In P.M. went to hay marsh. Cloudy and rain.

Sept 28

Went to Wright's. Worked part of day. Came home at night, got some butter at Wilcox's. Cold and rain.

Sept 29

Cut wood at home. Mrs Avery and Mrs Crawford was here on a visit. Gave a letter to Town to carry to Dr Dumcomb for land in Durham. This day we had some flurrys of snow. Cold.

Sept 30

Went to Wright's in P.M. Rec'd some abuse from M. Avery. Despised his anger and left him. Laid a little floor. Cloudy in A.M. Rain in P.M.

Oct 1

Worked at Wright's this day. Orrin Avery married Elizer Town, both of this place. John Avery was here at Wright's. Rain and Warm.

Oct 2

Made sash at Wright's. Saw J. Woodward. Rain.

Oct 3

Made a pattern for a landside for a plow for Wright in A.M. In P.M. came home, Henry Banker was here in P.M. Joseph Moyer drewed wood for me. Clear.

Oct 4

Sabbath. Went to cranberry marsh, got some grapes, plums and wife was very sick last night with cramps in her back. W. Post and Sam'l was here to tea. Cold and rainy. Wind in N.W.

Oct 5

In the A.M. cut wood. In P.M. went to Wright's. Saw J.M. Kee at my house. Found S. Lewis from Oxford there. Cold and rain.

Oct 6

Laid floor at Wright's. Lewis went home. Came home in evening with butter. Rain.

Oct 7

Went to Wright's. Worked at base. Cold and rain.

Oct 8

Laid floor and cased door. Cloudy with rain in evening.

Oct 9

Worked on evetrough's and laid upper floor. Clear.

Oct 10

Laid rest of floor and cased door and windows in A.M. In P.M. went to J. Woodward's who was not at home and from thence home. Clear.

Oct 11

Sabbath. Went to haymarsh. Marthe and Harriet Avery accompanied me. Got fruit of different kinds, among others plums. Perserved a jar of them in P.M. Pulled onions from our garden and laid them away for winter. Joel was quite sick this evening. Cloudy and warm.

Oct 12

Went to Wright's to work again. Put up evetroughs. Clear.

Oct 13

Put on freize and inclosed front of house. Warm and clear.

Oct 14

Willard Smith and Parker come to build chimney for Wright. I made and hung two bedroom doors. Clear and warm.

Oct 15

Made back door and set glass in evening. Clear and warm.

Oct 16

Made two six panel doors, put in window stops. Clear.

Oct 17

Hung doors in A.M. Came home in P.M. Found wife well and in good spirits. Cloudy with a little rain.

Oct 18

Sabbath. Rain last evening and this morning with wind from S.W. Wife is going to the settlement on a visit. A. Smith was here. Still lowry at 12 oclock.

Oct 19

Went to Wright's. Commenced work again. Rain.

Oct 20

Worked at Wright's on closet. Rain.

Oct 21

Worked at Wright's. A. Swarthout was here. Wants his house. Rain.

Oct 22

Worked at east end of house. Apple cut in evening. Rain.

Oct 23

Finished work at Wright's but could not get settlement. Rain came home in evening and prepared to move from here.

Oct 24

Staid last night at A. Smith's with wife. Went this morning to Mrs Hains and from thence to my mother's with Smith's team, returned in P.M. to W. Lawson's. Staid all night. Clear. Cool wind from south.

Oct 25

Came home on foot. A. Swarthout married Julia Town, both of this place. Clear in A.M. Cloudy in P.M.

Oct 26

A. Swarthout was here and talked of house. Did not agree to leave it for three weeks. Warm and rain.

Oct 27

Went to J. Woodward's to work. Worked 1/2 day. Clear and warm.

Oct 28

Worked at Woodward's. Laid floor. Clear and warm.

Oct 29

Worked for Woodward. Made door and window frames. Anthony Moyer was married to Abram Price's widow. Clear and warm.

Oct 30

Worked at Woodward's. Fixed for siding. Clear and warm.

Oct 31

Worked at Woodward's. Made window frames in A.M. In P.M. came home. Saw G.D. Long and A. Swarthout. Found all well at home. Colder last evening and this morning.

Nov 1

Sabbath. Wesley and Sam'l Peaslee was here. Went in the evening on a visit to Samuel Jacobs. Clear and warm.

Nov 3

Worked at Woodward's on evertroughs. Clear and warm.

Nov 4

Worked at Woodward's. Made a coffin for H. Root whose child was still born. Buried today. Clear and warm.

Nov 5

Made and hung panel door for house. Clear.

Nov 6

Made front panel door. Cold with rain.

Nov 7

Hung front and trimmed both doors in A.M. In P.M. came home. Found all well. Cool.

Nov 8

Sabbath. Sam'l came here. Went to hay marsh in morning. In evening went to Enoch Hillikers on a visit. Francis Jacobs and wife was there. Clear and warm.

Nov 9

Went to Woodward's. Saw B. Wright. Saw Mrs Wright. Two cousins from the state of New York at Wright's. Warm

Nov 10

Worked at Woodward's. Put up evertroughs. Clear and warm.

Nov 11

Worked at Woodward's. Commenced on sash. Blustery and cold. Snow.

Nov 12

Finished sash. Hunters out today. More mild. Some snow.

Nov 13

Put up north evertrough. Clear and quite cold.

Nov 14

Came home. Quite unwell. Settled with Woodward. Mild.

Nov 15

Sabbath. Wesley staid here last night and Sam'l came this morning. Went to hay marsh. D. Avery and wife was here. Sam'l and Wesley staid all night. Mild and rain.

Nov 16

Saw and made a bargain with Town to finish store. Was at Enoch Hillikers. T. Richards and John Writes. Cool with high wind.

Nov 17

Went to Crowwells. Traded out Woodward's order. \$15.75. Returned home late in evening. Sam'l got fresh pork at Mey (illegible) I was very tired. Got my chest of tools from Woodward's. Clear.

Nov 18

Made joiner bench in the house and jack plane for T. Pritchard. Hart was here in A.M. Clear and warm.

Nov 19

Avery killed his pork. Father and mother was here. I worked at Town's. Martha went home with them, saw in P.M. Saw Sutton from Sodom. Clear and warm for season.

Nov 20

Rain in morning. Brought my tools from Town's and prepared to go to fathers. Went at noon. Rain all day.

Nov 21

Went to John Tompkins to court with father. Came home in evening and went to S. Campbells. Clear.

Nov 22

Sabbath. Staid at fathers. Quite cold and froze hard.

Nov 23

Sick all day. J.P. Earns and wife came out to fathers. Brought violin with him and played in the evening. Cold with snow.

Nov 24

Came home with sleigh. Peter came with me. Cold.

Nov 25

Quite sick. Finished sash for I. Gurk. Sam'l came in evening who has just broke his axe. Quite cold.

Nov 26

Still quite unwell. Joseph Moyer drew wood for me on sleigh. In evening dovetailed chest. Wife and child both sick with cold. Blustering all day with flurries of snow, very cold at night.

Nov 27

Still unwell. Worked half day for Moyer on stable. In evening dressed out posts for bedstead for Town. In P.M. mild with snow.

Nov 28

Quite sick all day. Tried to work at Moyer's. Came home again sick. Very cold all day with snow in evening.

Nov 29

Sabbath. Sam'l came in evening and staid to tea. John Congdon was at Avery's with wife. Very cold, snow.

Nov 30

Worked at Moyer's. Finished manger. Cloudy and cold in A.M. Clear in P.M.

Nov 31

Made soap box in A.M. B. Wright and wife was here in P.M. Finished chest for Mark Avery in evening. Cold and squally.

Dec 1

Made trundle bed for Town. Julia Swarthcut was here in A.M. Clear and cold.

Dec 2

Began chest for A. Swarthcut. Father-in-law was here in A.M. H. Avery was here in evening. More mild with signs of thaw.

Dec 3
Finished chest. Wife washed. I went to H. Avery's in evening and to Sam'l Jacobs. Quite warm with rain in A.M. Cold in P.M.

Dec 4
Worked on sash. Haddock was here, brought some tallow, and paid me the remainder at Town's. Julia was here. Cold and squally with snow.

Dec 5
Sabbath. Father-in-law went home. Sam'l was here. I finished 18 lights of sash for D.W. Daney. Cold and blustery with snow.

Dec 6
Made sash and got wood. A. Swarthout was here in evening and got his chest. Quite cold all day long, cloudy and clear in evening.

Dec 7
Cut wood in A.M. Finished sash. J. Moyer killed his hogs. Quite unwell all day. Cold in A.M., more mild in evening.

Dec 8
Made soap in A.M. Set up chest of drawers. Avery and wife was here in evening. B. Wright went to Oxford. Cold and stormy.

Dec 9
Set up chest of drawers. Went to Town's in evening. B. Wright returned. Clear.

Dec 11
Worked on chest of drawers. Shooting match in P.M. at S. Jacobs. Wife quite unwell this evening. Clear and cold.

Dec 10
Worked on chest of drawers. Avery's shop took fire last evening but was saved. E. Heth and wife was here in evening. Clear and more mild.

Dec 12
Sabbath. Staid at home. Sam'l was here. Went to Avery's on a visit. Cloudy and damp. Warm for season.

Dec 13
Worked on chest of drawers. Avery's rebuilt their chimney back. A. Swarthout Jr. started for Hamilton with a load, fell from his wagon and broke his arm and sprained his wrist. Cold and blustery.

Dec 14
Finished chest of drawers and made rocking chair for Joel. Very disagreeable weather, cold, blustery and stormy.

Dec 15
Mended chair for Town. Haney was here in evening. Clear and very cold.

Dec 16
Tried to repair J. Moyer's clock, but failed. Cut wood in P.M. Quite cold in A.M. More mild in P.M.

Dec 17

Went to Peter D. Longs and got promise of land near my father-in-law's. Wa Beskin and D. Long rode up with Luke Peaslee from J. McAulys shop. Rather mild with snow in evening.

Dec 18

Finished chest of drawers. Sam'l brought potatoes in evening. Warm with rain.

Dec 19

Sabbath. Sam'l was here in A.M. In P.M. Egbert Hikkiker and wife and Francis Jacobs was here on a visit. The later staid the evening. Quite warm all day. The snow left us. Cool in evening.

Dec 20

Father was here with wagon, brought me some beef. Quite cold in evening. (includes Dec 21)

Dec 22

Worked about an hour on a chest of drawers for self, in the evening got out table legs for A. Swarthout. Still unwell. Cloudy and quite cold.

Dec 23

Worked on road. Wife went to Avery's. Clear and mild.

Dec 24

Worked on road. In evening got out stand legs. More mild with snow in evening and snow.

Dec 25

Christnaas. Sam'l was here. Went on a visit in evening to J. Moyer's. Avery and wife was there. Quite warm with rain.

Dec 26

Made axe helve. Sam'l went to H. Bankers. Avery, S. Fluellen and H. Yarrington was here in evening. Warm with rain. In evening more cold with snow.

Dec 27

Sabbath. Staid at home. Sam'l was here also Harriett Avery, Town S. Fluellen and wife and in evening J. Stephens and M. Monk. Cloudy and cold.

Dec 28

Cut wood and Joseph Moyer drawed. Wife went to Enoch Hikkiker's. I went down in evening. A. Swarthout and wife was here. Warm and pleasant.

Dec 29

Went to P.D. Long's, thence to father's. Saw S. Campbell and S. Burnham. Rode down with father in wagon. Cloudy and cool.

Dec 30

Peter D. Long came to father's where I made a bargain for six acres of land and commenced clearing. Cloudy with a little snow.

Dec 31

Laid foundation for house. 16 x 18 feet. Clear and pleasant.

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Jan 1

Came home by M. Stover's. Brought $\frac{1}{2}$ bu of apples. Rode part of way with Enoch Hilliker. Clear and pleasant.

Jan 2

Cut wood at door. Sold timber to A. Swarthout Sons. Avery and wife and Boyce and wife and Mrs Moyer went to lower settlement. Cloudy and mild.

Jan 3

Sabbath. Wesley was here and Sam'l in evening. This day the house took fire and I was obliged to push down my chimney. In the evening snow.

Jan 4

Went to town meeting. In the evening was at Sodom and thence to father's through mud and snow and out of humour. Rain all day.

Jan 5

Cut logs for house. Fixed for building. Warm with rain.

Jan 6

Cut and drew logs. In the evening began to snow.

Jan 7

Laid up a few logs and cut the remainder of them. In the evening went to saw at Hilliker's mill. Sawed all night. Snow and warm.

Jan 8

Drewed boards and laid up a few logs. Drewed up a few. Mild with rain.

Jan 9

Hewed beams and laid up logs. Mild.

Jan 10

Sabbath. Laid floors and cleaned out house. Cloudy, cold.

Jan 11

Dug cellar, hewed plates in A.M. In P.M. went home. Rode with Luke who was down to mill. Cloudy and mild.

Jan 12

In A.M. painted chest for Sam'l. H. Banker was here to dinner. In P.M. put table together for A. Swarthout Junior. Enoch Hilliker and wife and A.M. Hickey was here on a visit. Cloudy and warm.

Jan 13

Finished table. H. Banker begun to draw brick. Father was here and brought his team. Took one load of things. In evening packed remainder and prepared to move to my place near fathers. Boyce was here. Cloudy and mild.

Jan 14

In morning went to A.W. Pratt's. Saw Sam'l and got some pork. Took breakfast at Avery's and moved one load and wife to my place. In evening chinked house and slept there with Michael. Cold, cloudy and blustery.

Jan 15

Worked on house. In evening burned brush. Clear and cold.

Jan 16

Drew boards from Hilliker's mill and in evening cut pine tree. Clear and cold.

Jan 17

Sabbath. Put on roof and gable ends of house. Cloudy with snow in evening.

Jan 18

Plastered house and cut wood. Kept fires. Cloudy and cold.

Jan 19

Laid floor near fireplace and plastered a little. Quite cold.

Jan 20

In A.M. plastered the remainder of my house and in P.M. dug a well. This day father, mother and Mrs Rains started for Port Burwell and thence round by Long Point. Clear and cold.

Jan 21

Made an ox yoke for the boys, who were here in the evening. More mild with snow.

Jan 22

Drew one load of brick from Hilliker's. Quite cold.

Jan 23

Made roller and put in ox sled in A.M. In P.M. went to Sodom and M. Stovers sons. Got one bushel apples. Cloudy and very cold.

Jan 24

Sabbath. Spent the A.M. at home, the P.M. at father's J.P. Barns and wife was out in evening, went to Windham with them to Thos Evans sleigh and came back with him the same night. He staid at fathers. Clear and very cold in A.M., more mild and cloudy in P.M.

Jan 25

In the A.M. prepared to build my chimney. In P.M. laid foundation. Father arrived home. Cloudy and cold, a little snow in evening.

Jan 26

Worked on chimney, got it high as the beams. Quite cold with a little snow.

Jan 27

Drew one load of brick from Hilliker's. In the evening worked on chimney. Peter and Michael helped me. Clear and cold.

Jan 28

Got my chimney out of the roof. Peter McDaniel and A. Smith was here. In evening wife cleaned house. Clear and cold.

Jan 29

Laid hearth. Wife went to Hilliker's to meeting. Disappointed. Cloudy and cold.

Jan 30

Staid at home. Sam'l was here and brought pair of boots for wife. Staid all night with Michael. Snow all day, more mild.

Jan 31

Sabbath. Sam'l with Martha and father's went to meeting. I staid at home. Was told they had an excellant sermon. Quite cold, clear.

Feb 1

Went to Hilliker's for flour. Got none and returned a little before dark. Father drew one load of hay. Clear and very cold.

Feb 2

Went to H. Banker's where I formerly lived and brought a load of things. Father went with me for them. Got back before dark. Clear and cold.

Feb 3

Made door and (illegible). Wife quite unwell. Clear and cold.

Feb 4

Hung my door and cut wood. Wesley was here. Cloudy and cold.

Feb 5

Cut wood at home. Father went to mill at Malcombs in Oakland. Hannah was here. Came out with Bartlett and wife. This day Quarterly Meeting commenced at the Norwich Meeting House. Clear and cold.

Feb 6

Went to Sodom. This was court day at Thompkin's. Went to meeting in evening. Found father's team and wife. Clear and cold.

Feb 7

Sabbath. In P.M. went to meeting. Father's sleigh and himself and family went in evening also John Bartlett and wife went with us. John P. Barns came out from Windham. Heard an excellent discourse delivered by Rev Wm Ryerson to a crowded congregation. More mild with snow.

Feb 8

Staid at home and cut wood. In the evening went to meeting again. Sermon delivered by Mr Prindle. The house was full and crowded. More cool and a little snow.

Feb 9

Made leach trough. In evening went to meeting again this evening. The house was so crowded we could with difficulty obtain admission. Cloudy with squalls of snow.

Feb 10

Went to a fellowship meeting this A.M. Prayer meeting in the evening. Had a melting time, a number of souls were convicted. Clear and pleasant.

Feb 11

Cut two saw logs in front of my home and some wood. Cloudy with snow in evening.

Feb 12

Cut wood and kept fires. Father's team went to meeting. Myself and wife did not go, there being no room in sleigh. Warm with snow and sleet last evening and a little rain today. Sleet.

Feb 13

Stayed at home most of day. John came out from Windham. Brought rocking chair for S. Campbell. More snow and cold.

Feb 14

Sabbath. Spent it at home. Wife went to meeting in the P.M. Elijah Gifford and Giles Hilliker was here. Cloudy and quite cool.

Feb 15

Went to meeting in A.M. Had a blessed time. Some precious souls were converted. In the evening a number more were added to the flock. Wife went to Ben'j Hilliker's. I staid at G. Wright's where we held prayer. Very cold, cloudy with snow.

Feb 16

Went from Wright's to Sodom and thence home with M. Stover in sleigh. Found wife at Hilliker's. Came home from there on foot. In P.M. cut wood. In evening Lois and Michael was here. Cold with snow.

Feb 17

Went to woods for timber. Got some broom sticks also Egbert Hilliker and wife and A. Smith and wife was here on a visit. Spent a happy afternoon and evening. Clear and cold.

Feb 18

Kept fires and made shovel handle. Cut some wood. Mother was here and Lois. In P.M. the boys in evening. Clear and cold. This was the coldest morning yet.

Feb 19

Went to Cromwell's thence to B. Wright's with R. Wilcox. I staid all night at Wright's. More mild with cloudy and signs of rain.

Feb 20

Went to Wilcox's. Got a horse and thence to Cromwell's and from thence home. Saw L^r Peaslee and all the neighborhood where he lives in Otterville. Snow in A.M. Rain in P.M. Warm.

Feb 21

Sabbath. Staid at home. Set glass in window. Father left for Port Burwell early in morning. White frost. Clear and warm.

Feb 22

Went to Sodom. Saw Leonard Moses and Daney. Thence to A. Sarles. Took dinner at Sarles and thence home by B. Hilliker's where Mr Martin preached. Found wife, mother and Lois there. Clear and warm.

Feb 23

Staid at home. Done very little. Mr Kelly was here. Warm with a little rain.

Feb 24

Went to B. Hilliker's to mill and to Giles Hilliker's for hay. Mother was here on a visit in P.M. More cold with snow all day.

Feb 25

Made pattern of plow point for B. Wright. J.P. Barns was here and Michael was here in P.M. More cold with intervals of snow.

Feb 26

Hewed timber for M. Stover Jr. In the evening went to Hilliker's to meeting. Heard an excellent discourse by Bro Bugner from the words-"What is man that thou art mindfull of him"? Followed by equally as good delivered by Bro Burgess from the words-"It is good for me to draw near unto God." Cloudy, cold and snow.

Feb 28

Sabbath. Staid at home In A.M. In P.M. went to mother's, Lois and Michael came here in evening. Clear and pleasant.

Feb 29

Albert D. Long and Mr Fish came here to make store. Christian Sackrider Jr went past here. Elijah Gifford was here and borrowed hammer. I made one shoe. Emaline and Michael was here in evening. Snow in A.M. Rain in P.M. Quite moderate.

Mar 1

Made a shoe. A.D. Long was here after adze. C. Austin was at fathers house. Elijah Gifford moved one load of furniture. Michael was here in evening. Begun joiner bench. Cold with high wind. Snow.

Mar 2

Cut wood. Split out stuff for sash. E.G. moved his wife past here. C. Austin was here in P.M. Michael and Lois was here in evening. Cloudy, cold with snow.

Mar 3

Cut wood. Joel was quite sick. Emaline and Michael was here in evening. Ground plane 9irons). Cloudy and cold with snow.

Mar 4

Dressed out sash stuff and went to fathers on a visit. G. Avery and John was here this evening. More mild with some rain and high wind from south.

Mar 5

Went to S. Lossings to mill with Michael, got home after sunset. Emaline was here in evening. Clear and cold.

Mar 6

Sabbath. IN A.M. staid at home. In P.M. went to mothers. In evening Emaline, Peter, Michael and Lois was here. We spent the evening singing hymns. Clear and cold with high wind.

Mar 7

Last evening father returned from Port Burwell. Was at my house today. Put together some sash for Swarthout. Cloudy and cold.

Mar 8

Finished 30 lights of sash. Christian P. Sackrider was here. with letter from E. Mott to E. Gifford warning him off his farm. I went to Sodom with him. Settled with Michael Stover Sr. Found due me \$5-67¹/₂. Got 13 lbs of pork of him. Called at Giffords on my return. Father's family was all here in evening. Clear and cold.

Mar 9

Went to H. Syples for a load of hay for father. Came home with A. Smith whom I found at Hilliker's. Eunice went home with A. Smith. Wife went also. Snow in A.M. Cloudy in P.M.

Mar 10

Staid at A. Smith's. In evening went to prayer meeting at school house and thence to H. Bankers. Snow.

Mar 11

In the A.M. staid at H. Bankers. In the P.M. went to M. Averys. Saw some of the neighbors there. Cold with snow.

Mar 12

Staid at Banker's, in the evening went to temperance meeting in schoolhouse. Cold with snow.

Mar 13

Sabbath. Staid at Banker's, in evening went to prayer meeting at the schoolhouse. Cold with snow.

Mar 14

Went with H. Yarrington to Smith's thence to Egbert Hilliker's. Cloudy with intervals of snow.

Mar 15

Staid at Hilliker's in A.M. Towards evening went to Smith's who took his team and brought us home. Clear and more mild.

Mar 16

Out wood. Cut trees for rails. Emaline, Michael and Lois was here in evening. Cloudy and more mild.

Mar 17

Out timber for rails and cut two pine trees down. Clear and warm in P.M. Cloudy in A.M. Wm Sarles was here.

Mar 18

Dressed out stuff for sash and made handle for broad axe. In evening went to meeting at B. Hilliker's. Sermon by Bro Bugner from text- John 9, 4-1st. "I must work the works of him that sent me while it is yet day; The night cometh when no man can work". Father's team went with us. O, May his words sink deep in our hearts. Clear and cold. A little snow.

Mar 19

Went to Hilliker's. Found the mill broken and came home after tools to repair it. Got out shaft. Emaline was at my house on a visit this P.M. Michael and Lois in evening. Hurt my finger. Clear and cold.

Mar 20

Sabbath. Went to the Chapel to meeting. Sermon by Bro Bugner, from Matthew 19, v 27: "Behold we have forsaken all and followed Thee, what shall we have therefore? Went with father's team. Went to father's in evening. Clear and more mild.

Mar 21

Worked on Hilliker's mill in Anderson's shop. This day our dog had fits and I shot it. In the evening mild with snow.

Mar 22

Worked on mill. Wife went to Fathers in evening and the cattle trod the cloaths in pieces. She went to Temperance in evening. Cold, snow.

Mar 23

Worked at mill. Finished wheel. Saw M. Avery. Cold and snow.

Mar 24

Worked on mill, got it running. Emaline was here. Cloudy and cold.

Mar 25

Quite unwell with cold. In the evening went to Hillikers to meeting. Bro Burgess spoke from the words-----

Mar 26

Cut wood. Maria Richmond was here. Bro Burgess promised to visit us this morning but did not come. Clear and warm.

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Mar 27

Left Norwich for Toronto with D. McKenny. Went through Oakland stopt and fed horses at P. Henry's, thence to Brantford. After breakfast went in wagon through Ancasire to the 12 mile creek at O'Rileys. Clear and warm. (This entry includes Mar 28).

Mar 29

Took stage at O'Rileys for Toronto, arrived about noon. Put up at Geo Munros's, Church St, No 12. Went to Assembly in evening. Clear and warm.

Mar 30

Quite unwell. Staid at home most of day. Visited some parts of town. Some better in evening. Clear and warm.

April 1

Nothing done here. The day is kept as a feast. Stores and Groceries are all closed. Kept at home most of day. In the evening worked some. Clear and warm.

April 2

Idled the day away. Went to court. Read and mused. Clear and warm.

Apr 3

Sabbath. Staid at home this morning. There was (illegible) a horsethief, a young man of respectable appearance, a physician just out of his studies at Montreal. He produced his Diploma and other papers of credit but notwithstanding locked up in jail. Clear and warm.

Apr 4

This morning went to the examination of the above mentioned young man who states that his name to be Wm Saunders and that he has a wife in the London district. He refused to tell me what part of district. Appeared much dejected. I went to court. Saw some trials, in the evening company at Munroes. Clear and warm.

Apr 5

Was the bearer of a line from Mr Saunders to D.A. Boutton, Esq. Atty at Law. Court in A.M. Assembly in P.M. Clear and warm.

Apr 6

In the morning quite unwell. Clear.

Apr 7

Went to hear an address from the inhabitants of Toronto to his Excellency Sir P.B.Hind, L. Governor who replied to it in a very few words. Visited the Garrison and Kings Wharf and Steamboat Transit. Cobourg and Traveler. Clear and warm.

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Apr 8

Was sick all night. Dr Phillips gave me camphor and opium. Felt some relief, in A.M. grew worse. Quite sick all day. In P.M. drank burned brandy. Felt relieved. Clear and cold.

Apr 9

Still quite sick. Mr Saunder's case was called this morning but was put off by Atty G, until Thursday next. Drank a hot sling with nutmeg and ginger strong. Felt relief. Rainy and cold.

Apr 10

Sabbath. Two or three inches of snow. This morning staid at home on acct of my being too dirty to appear at Church. Quite unwell. Clear and cold.

Apr 11

In the A.M. went to court. Much better this morning. In P.M. our case vis: Lewis Clement Vs D.M. Keay. The jury returned in favor of the former for 474" I) and costs. Clear and mild.

Apr 12

Went to court in A.M. To Assembly in P.M. Rain.

Apr 13

D.M. Kenny was taken sick this morning. Saw Sam'l Street who settled with D.M.K. as agent for Clement. Snow and rain.

Apr 14

Went to court in A.M. In P.M. to the House of Assembly. Rain.

Apr 15

Rambled through the streets of Toronto. Clear and warm.

Apr 16

Attended court and House of Assembly and Garrison. Mr Saunders was this day released from confinement upon giving bail for appearance at future court. Clear and quite warm.

Apr 17

Sabbath. The appearance of the soldiers and a band of music on their way to church this morning made a very grand appearance. Mr Every left for the township of Clark where he resides. Clear and warm.

Apr 18

Went to Wharf's Parliament Councils. Clear and warm.

Apr 19

The steamer Transit this morning made an unsuccessful attempt to break the ice out of the bay. I was quite unwell in P.M. Went to the House of Assembly. Clear and warm.

Apr 20

Quite sick this morning. Went to the House of Assembly. The L. Governor this day (illegible) the House. Clear and warm.

Apr 21

This morning the steamer made another attempt to get out of the harbor. The schooner G.S. Weeks from Oswego broke the ice and came in. Clear in A.M. Rain in P.M.

Apr 22

Staid at home in A.M. Listened to disputes on politics in P.M. Rec'd two dollars in cash to go home with. Left Toronto at 4 oclock, traveled till 10 oclock at night. Staid all night at Cocksville. Clear and warm.

- May 9
Went to Thompkin's again. Worked all day. Clear and warm.
- May 10
Worked for Thompkin's. Was at A. Smiths in evening. Clear and warm.
- May 11
Worked for Thompkins. Fleming was there. Clear and warm.
- May 12
Raised the frame. Nothing material happened. Rain in P.M.
- May 13
Came home. Found all well. Worked in P.M. Clear and warm.
- May 14
Logged and burned around my house. Clear and warm.
- May 15
Sabbath. Father went to Burford to work. I went to Otter creek for wild onions. Wife and Michael went with me. Clear, warm.
- May 16
Worked at home, split rails and burned brush. Clear in A.M. Rain in P.M.
- May 17
Worked at home clearing land. Rain in A.M. Clear and quite warm in P.M.
- May 18
Worked at home. Same work. Ander and Sally was here. Took Clarissa home with them. Clear and warm.
- May 19
Worked at home. Wife tried to wash. Got Emaline to finish for her at fathers. Wife went there.
- May 20
Split rails and made fence east of house. In P.M. wife was taken ill with ague in her breast. Emaline came and attended her. Clear in A.M. Rain in P.M.
- May 21
Split rails and made fence west of house. Wife some better. Went to mill. In P.M. cloudy with rain.
- May 22
Sabbath. Michael was here. Mother started for love feast but could not cross the dam at Hilliker's, it being broken away with a very heavy shower last evening. Rain.
- May 23
Started early with Michael. Went to Thompkins in P.M. Saw my father-in-law. Worked at Sarles hewing. Was introduced to Mrs Mathews from Burford. Saw John. Cloudy and rain.
- May 24
Worked part of day. Set up bedstead. Quite cool with rain.
- May 25
Hewed at Sarles. Got out most of timber. Cloudy and cold.

May 26

In A.M. hewed, finished timber. Was at Barkers and thence came home. Found father and mother here. Cloudy, rain.

May 27

Split rails and made fence. Cold and rainy.

May 28

Mrs Hains had a quilting. I split rails and finished fence. Rain.

May 29

Sabbath. Wife went to meeting at Hilliker's. Mother, Mrs Hains and Peter went with her. Cold with rain.

May 30

Made garden and planted beets. In A.M. B. Hilliker was here. In P.M. went to Hilliker's and cased door. Cold and rainy.

May 31

Planted potatoes and cut wood and kept fires. Cold and rain.

June 1

Planted pompions and cut thistles. Wm Moore and Rachel Thompkins was married. Mrs Hains was here to tea. Signs of clearing up.

June 2

Went to Sarles. Began to frame in A.M. In P.M. went to Jesse Stovers raising a wagon house. Clear and cool.

June 3

Framed at Sarles all day. Clear in A.M. Rain in P.M.

June 4

In A.M. framed at Sarles. Laid foundation of house. In P.M. went to raising at Wm Bankers. Cloudy, some rain.

June 5

Sabbath. Came home. Michael was here. Clear.

June 6

Went early to Sarles. Michael went with me. Framed at Sarles. Cloudy with rain at intervals.

June 7

Framed at Sarles. W, sowed buckwheat and oats. Cloudy, some rain.

June 8

Framed at Sarles in A.M., in P.M. raised frame and put on roof-boards. Clear and quite sultry.

June 9

Shingled house. Quite unwell. Clear and warm.

June 10

Quite unwell. Cut in (illegible) round the fireplace and hewed and framed another bent in A.M., in P.M. came home. Was at Barkers and Cooks and thence through Sodom home. Michael came with me. Clear.

June 11

Sick with cold. Hewed sticks for evestroughs. Flying clouds with high wind.

June 12

Sabbath. Was at Hilliker's to prayer meeting, thence to Sarles and thence home. Caught a young squirrel. Clear.

June 13

Worked at Sarles. Wm came for my tools. Martha went with us on a visit. Saw Mrs Cook. Clear and warm.

June 14

Worked at Sarles. In P.M. went to Barker's and traded some, and thence home with my wife. Staid all night. Clear and warm.

June 15

Went to Sarles early. Found Michael there making box. Worked at Sarles. Some unwell. Clear and warm.

June 16

Worked at Sarles. Made window frames. Clear and warm.

June 17

Worked at Sarles. Put up evestroughs. Clear in A.M. rain in P.M.

June 18

Worked in A.M. In P.M. attended court at J. Thompkins. Came home in evening with father and Michael in wagon. Found Wesley there. Got wheat of M. Stover, Jr. Heavy shower in P.M.

June 19

Sabbath. Staid at home. Wesley and Michael was here. This day water overflowed my garden. Heavy rain all day.

June 20

Staid at home part of day. Went to Hilliker's in P.M. His mill dam went off. Hewed stick of timber for my house. Michael and Wesley went home. Rain.

June 21

Hewed another stick of timber for sills. Cold and rain.

June 22

Went to Sarles. Worked part of day. Cold and rain.

June 23

Worked at Sarles. Finished east end of house. Cold and rain.

June 24

Worked at Sarles on west end of house. Cold and rainy. East wind.

June 25

Worked at Sarles. Finished west end of house. Came home at night. Found all well. Cold and rain, east wind.

June 26

Sabbath. Went to old Gorman place for strawberries. Got a few. Peter went with me. Saw Martin Cornwell and others there. Cloudy.

June 27

Went to mill at Hilliker's. Made a gate and planked the floom. Got wife's boots mended. Rain.

June 28

Went to Sarles. Laid floor. Clear and pleasant.

June 29

Worked at Sarles. laying floor. Clear and pleasant.

June 30

Worked at Sarles, laying floor. Clear and pleasant.

July 1

Worked at Sarles. Sided up north side of house. Clear.

July 2

Worked at Sarles. Made front door and came home. Clear.

July 3

Sabbath. Mrs Hains was here and Michael in P.M. We went to Sodom to meeting with father's team. Clear in A.M. Rain in P.M.

July 4

In A.M. hewed down house for Willson. In P.M. went to Cromwells with father's team. A. Smith went with us. Clear.

July 5

Went to Sarles. Made one door and hung it. Clear.

July 6

Worked at Sarles. Finished job. Commenced sash. Made 30 lights. Macomb finished chimney. Clear.

July 7

Worked at Sarles. Made 36 lights of sash. Clear.

July 8

Mathews came to Sarles last evening to see Wm's wife who died this morning at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5 o'clock. I went to Fellows, spoke for coffin. Saw (illegible) thence to Sodom and saw James Barker who died at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 11 o'clock A.M. Thence to B.Hillikers and home. Found family well. The wolves had killed my calf and eat it up. I was quite unwell. Clear.

July 9

Hewed posts. Father's team went to funeral. Wife went with them. Clear in A.M. Rain in P.M.

July 10

Sabbath. Went for raspberrys. Got some. Mrs Hains and Beckman B. Long was at fathers. Clear.

July 11

Went to Sarles. Finished sash and settled with him. Clear.

July 12

Went to Fr Cooks. Began work for him $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Clear.

July 13

Worked at Cooks. Came home at night quite unwell. Clear.

July 14

Staid home. Cleaned well. Hewed beams. Clear.

July 15

Went to Cook's. Worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Quite unwell. Clear.

- July 16
Worked 1/2 day for Cook. In P.M. went to court thence home.
Michael came with me. Clear and warm.
- July 17
Sabbath. Went with Michael and wife for berries. Got abundance.
In evening wife fell out of door and hurt her side. Michael staid
all night. Clear.
- July 18
Went to Roswell' Cook's and made a bedstead. Clear.
- July 19
Came home in A.M. Found wife quite well. Got hand saw of
Child's. In P.M. cleaned well. Clear and warm.
- July 20
Went to Berger's to work for Wright. Commenced framing a house
36 x 28. Clear.
- July 21
Framed at Berger's in A.M. clear. In P.M. rain.
- July 22
Framed at Berger's. Clear and very warm.
- July 23
Framed at Berger's in A.M. In P.M. rain. Went to B. Wright's
Staid all night. Warm with rain.
- July 24
Sabbath. Went home. Found wife gone. Michael was there. Wife
came home in evening with Henry Smith. Clear and quite warm.
- July 25
Went to Berger's. Worked 1/2 day. Clear and warm.
- July 26
Worked at Berger's. John Avery came there and worked. Clear.
- July 27
Worked at Berger's. Went to Crowwell's. Clear.
- July 28
Raised house in A.M. Came home in P.M. Clear.
- July 29
Staid home. Went for berries. A. Smith and wife went with us.
Henry went home. Clear.
- July 30
Framed sills for my house. Michael came. Clear.
- July 31
Sabbath. Emaline went home at night. Clear.
- Aug 1
Went to Berger's and Wright's and Willcox's. Took dinner at
Earls, thence to A. Smith's and took tea. Thence home and back
to Smith's with wife and child. Clear and quite warm.

Aug 2

Went to Brantford with Smith and wife to caravan. Put up at Robinson's Jr. Saw my brother James who is at work there. Came home to Smith's at night. Clear.

Aug 3

Staid at Smith's till near night when Smith's team brought us home. Found all well. Jacob Kingman returned with team. Cloudy.

Aug 4

Begun to frame house. Raised two bents. Clear and warm.

Aug 5

Framed on house. Raised two more bents. Michael was here.

Aug 6

Finished bents and raised. Father's team went to Burford to caravan.

Aug 7

Sabbath. Staid at home. Michael and Peter was here also Christian Sackrider. Father and mother went after berrys together. Clear.

Aug 8

Went to S. Lossings, thence to Benj Hilliker's, thence home. Clear in A.M. Rain in P.M.

Aug 9

In A.M. went to B. Hilliker's, got his team to go to S. Lossings for boards. In P.M. shingled on his barn. Clear and warm.

Aug 10

In A.M. worked at home, in P.M. went to Giffords. Clear.

Aug 11

In A.M. finished at Hilliker's, in P.M. worked at home. Clear.

Aug 12

Began to frame rafters. Hewed and framed two pr. Clear.

Aug 13

In A.M. finished frame and went after blackberries. In P.M. sawed my thumb very bad. Wesley came. Clear and warm.

Aug 14

Sabbath. Michael came and Peter. In P.M. all went after blackberries. Saw a deer. Enaline was here. Clear.

Aug 15

In A.M. went to Hilliker's. In P.M. staid at home. Quite unwell with my thumb which was quite lame. Clear.

AUG 16. A.M. went to father's for fish. CAUGHT SOME. In P.M. staid at home. My thumb quite lame. Clear

Aug 17

In A.M. went to fathers. In P.M. H. Banker and wife, her mother Mrs White, Harriett Avery and Thos Swarthout and daughter was here on a visit. Went for berries. Clear and warm.

Aug 18

In A.M. hewed timber for cellar and hunted horses. In P.M.

Aug 19
Went for broomsticks, axe helves etc in A.M. In P.M. found horses and drew lumber from Hilliker's. Clear.

Aug 20
Made bench and began to lay floor. Clear and warm.

Aug 21
Sabbath. James and Michael was here and Emaline. Went for berries. Got some. Cool for season.

Aug 22
Worked on floor. Wife went to Hilliker's on a visit. Clear.

Aug 23
Finished floor and cleaned out and curbed my well. Clear and warm.

Aug 24
Went to Hilliker's, Gifford's and Youngs for wheat. Got none. Came home in evening and began to drag for Peter. Clear.

Aug 25
Finished drag. Jacob Kingswell, Isaac Smiths wife, Jane Lawson, Mary Addison and Henry Smith was here. Wife came home with them. Clear.

Aug 26
Worked part of day for Gifford. Came home at night. Clear.

Aug 27
Worked at home. Began closet. Michael and Peter was here in evening. Clear and warm.

Aug 28
Sabbath. Went for berries. Found plenty. Michael and Peter went with me. Wife, Egbert and Patience, Jacob and Wesley came. Clear.

Aug 29
Went to Giffords and threshed wheat thence to mill and home. Clear.

Aug 30
Went for berries with mother and Lois in A.M. Went again with wife in P.M. Got some. Rain at night.

Aug 31
Went to Uncle Jim's for soap and in P.M. for berries. Clear.

Sept 1
Went to Hilliker's to work on mill. Clear.

Sept 2
Worked at Hilliker's. Jointed planks. Clear.

Sept 3
Worked at Hilliker's for Hilliker. Fixed sawmill floom. Clear.

Sept 4
Sabbath. Michael was here and in A.M. Irwin Campbell. Rainy.

Sept 11

Sabbath. Samuel was here in A.M. and John Avery and James. Philander went to Sackriders.

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Sept 12

Went to mill. Got $\frac{1}{2}$ bu of Wheat. Clear.

The following was evidently written by Martha Barns.

Sept 13

This morning Wm started for Michigan. A gloomy morning. Cloudy with little rain.

Sept 14

Emeline was here in A.M. Clear and pleasant.

Sept 15

Staid at Christian's all night. Cloudy with little rain.

Sept 16

Went to meeting. Thunder shower in the morning.

Sept 17

Samuel and Lois is setting on chest. Clear and warm.

Sept 18

Sabbath. Emeline is here. All is lonesome.

Sept 19

Clear in A.M. Rain in afternoon.

Sept 20

Clear and warm. Baked cake and pies for (illegible)

Sept 21

Clear and warm. Wesley is here and stayed all night.

Sept 22

Rain all day. All looks gloomy and seems (illegible)

Sept 23

Cloudy at intervals of sunshine. Rain in evening.

Sept 24

Had a quilting today. Rainy.

Sept 25

Sabbath. Wesley was here and cut some wood. Clear and cold.

Sept 26

Washed. Cold with wind. Frost last night.

Sept 27

Cold with high wind all day, at night snow.

Sept 28

Cold with little rain. Very cold at night with frost. All alone.

Sept 29

Cold with snow. Quite sick with cold and Joel too.

- Sept 30
Cold and cloudy. John Moses and wife stayed all night.
- Oct 1
Cloudy with high wind. Rain all night.
- Oct 2
Sabbath. Cloudy and cold. Stayed at Christian Sakrider's.
- Oct 3
Cold with rain in evening.
- Oct 4
Rained all day. James killed the pig today. Quite sick with cramps last night.
- Oct 5
Clear and cold. Very sick all night. Stayed at Christian's.
- Oct 6
Rain in morning. Quite sick in morning, better at night.
- Oct 7
Clear all day with rain in evening.
- Oct 8
Feel very lonesome and quite forsaken. No letter. Samuel (illegible) snow and rain in evening.
- Oct 9
Sabbath. Went to Holiness with Emeline. Pleasant.
- Oct 10
Last Saturday Mina Hilliker and D. Wilson was married. Clear and warm.
- Oct 11
Clear with rain in evening. This day received letter.
- Oct 12
Clear and warm.
- Oct 13
Cloudy with little rain.
- Oct 14
Went to A. Smiths. Clear and cold. Philander and wife stayed here all night. Cold and snow.
- Oct 15
Much fatigued with my ride.
- Oct 16
Sabbath. Rain all day. Quite cold.
- Oct 17
Cold with snow, about an inch.
- Oct 18
Clear and warm.
- Oct 19
Warm with rain. Peter had another fit this morning. One last

Oct 20 Michael was here. Put on my quilt. Cold with high wind and cold.

Oct 21 Cold with high wind and snow.

Oct 22 Clear and warm. Went to A. Sackriders in evening.

Oct 23 Sabbath. John Stever was here after Emeline. Clear and warm. Rain in evening.

Oct 24 Washed in A.M. Clear and warm.

Oct 25 Went to James Beaches with Lois and Emeline. Clear and more cool.

Oct 26 Sent to Jennings and got some tea by James. Clear and warm.

Oct 27 Two inches of snow fell this morning. Looked like hard times. Most all gone by night. Clear and cold this evening.

Oct 28 Warm and smokey. Looks like Indian Summer.

Oct 29 Clear and warm.

Oct 30 Sabbath. Went to meeting at Sodom. Clear and warm.

Oct 31 Washed and fixed to go to Holiness. Clear and warm.

Nov 1 Started to go. Joel was taken sick. Came back. Mrs Sackrider, Mrs (illegible), Mrs S. Sackrider and mother Barns was here on a visit. Clear and warm.

Nov 2 Joel is worse. Mrs Hilliker and Mrs Wilson was here. Clear and warm.

Nov 3 Joel is some better. Peter had another fit this morning. Clear and warm.

Nov 4 Went to Christian Sackrider's to a raising. Clear and warm.

Nov 5 Quite unwell with a cold. Anxiously awaiting the return of my absent partner, but he's not come. Clear and warm.

Nov 6 Sabbath. Went to the old gentlemen's. Clear and warm.

Nov 7
Stayed at home. Very lonesome. Clear and pleasant.

Nov 8
Went and spun some thread. Clear and warm.

Nov 9
Went and twisted my thread, came home and made Joel a shirt. Your father killed his hogs today. Stayed all night alone. This is a lonesome night to me. Some appearance of rain.

Nov 10
Went to Christian Sackrider's in P.M. They came over in evening A. Smith was here. Stayed all night. James, Emeline and Michael was here also. Rain in evening.

Nov 11
Washed and skurned. Got 1 bushel of wheat. Rain all day.

Nov 12
James and (illegible) was here. We had pudding and milk for supper. Got 1/2 bushel of meal of Sackrider's. Lowrey with little rain and wind. Warm.

Nov 13
Emeline was here. Clear and warm.

Nov 14
Quite unwell and very lonesome. Clear and pleasant.

Nov 15
Had cramps in my stomach this morning. Corked the house with moss. Michael helped me. Warm and pleasant. Rain in evening. This has been a very lonesome day to me, looking for return of my absent partner, Will he ever return? Hasten ye moments. You seem to move so slowly.

Nov 16
This morning received a letter from Wm, My feelings at this time I shall forbear to describe as it will be no satisfaction but my heart feels the weight of the lines I received. Feel much dejected and heartbroken to think that the last remaining friend as I thought has so little confidence in me. Warm with snow.

Nov 17
Wrote a letter to Wm this morning. Peter had a fit this morning. Emeline went to Throckmorton's to the post office to get a letter. Got none. Cold with snow this morning.

Nov 18
Went to your fathers. Stayed with Emeline while your mother and Lois went to meeting. Clear and warm.

Nov 19
Washed three bed quilts. Wesley came here and stayed all night this day. Gave me a pair of shoes. Warm.

Nov 20
Emeline was here and we had apple pudding for dinner. Emeline and Wesley stayed all night. Peter had a fit today. Began to rain this morning and rained all day and all night.

Nov 21

Washed and cut pair of pantaloons for Shoemaker Witheral. Wesley stayed all day and cut some wood. Benjamin Hilliker was here today. Rained. Rain all day and some in evening.

Nov 22

This morning Wesley went home. Mother and Melina was here in evening, More cold with rain and snow.

Nov 23

Michael cut and drewed some wood. Cold with snow.

Nov 24

A. Smith came here and stayed all night and E. Haines. This is a gloomy time, about four inches of snow. My cow almost starved and nothing to eat. This is hard times. How gloomy all.

Nov 25

Went home with Smith. Very cold.

Nov 26 (Illegible)

Nov 27

Boice and wife was here. I went to John Moses. Stayed all night. Went to (illegible) stayed all night. Cold.

Nov 28

Went to Smith's.

This is the final entry of Diary except a notation without date as follows: Started for Michigan. So Happy....
Last line illegible.

The location in Michigan was Adrian in Lenawee county. They lived there until 1859 when they moved to Leonidas, St Joseph county and in 1860 they moved to Wakarusa Township, Kalamazoo county, Michigan. They resided there until their death and are buried in South cemetary, Fulton, Michigan.

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